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## TODAY and TOMORROW

### British Hypocrisy

THE Syria-Lebanon situation is steadily worsening. The latest news from that quarter speaks of fierce fighting between the French troops and the natives in Damascus, the capital of Syria, resulting in bloodshed and loss of lives. This has prompted Major-General Sir Edward Spears, a Conservative Member of the House of Commons, and former British Minister to Syria and Lebanon to ask the British Parliament what was going to be done to stop this bloodshed among the people whose independence has been guaranteed by Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union.

Why should the British Conservatives, or for that matter, any Britisher bother about the independence of Lebanon and Syria, while Britain herself has been for over a century, and still is, the arch enemy of independence of such Asiatic countries as India, Burma, Ceylon, etc. Of course our hearts go out in deep sympathy for the Syrians and the Lebanese who for the sake of their precious independence are bravely standing up to French violence and intimidation. But if the conduct of France toward Syria and Lebanon is a flat repudiation of the principles of democracy and freedom which the sponsors of the San Francisco Conference loudly profess, far more undemocratic and imperialistic is Britain's determined attitude to India, Burma and other countries under her subjection.

Britain is bent on undermining French power and influence in the Middle East. Britain could tolerate this in the years before the outbreak of this war, because their common fear and hatred of Nazi Germany made Britain and France very close allies. But now that alliance has disappeared. France today looks to Russia rather than to Britain for friendship and support.

In these circumstances, Syria and Lebanon under the control of France, might lead to the extension of Soviet influence, and the diffusion of Communism, in the Middle East. That is a prospect which no British Imperialist can face with equanimity.

It is in the interests of British imperialism and not in the interests of the independence of Syria and Lebanon, that so much hue and cry has been raised in the British circles over the French action in that part of the Middle East. It is sheer hypocrisy on the part of the British to shed crocodile tears over what is happening in Syria and Lebanon. The British make no bones about keeping the 400 million people of India under a soul-killing tyranny.

## Chiang Kai-Shek Quits Executive Yuan Leadership

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### *Soong Named Successor; Resignation Set To Democratize Govt.*

Lisbon, May 31 (Domei)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, has resigned his post as President of the Chungking Executive Yuan, and T. V. Soong, Chungking Foreign Minister, has been named as his successor, according to a Chungking dispatch.

Dr. Wong Wen-hao, Minister of Economic Affairs, has become Vice-President of the Executive Yuan, succeeding H. H. Kung, who has resigned, it was revealed.

These changes were said to have resulted from resolutions passed at a meeting of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang.

It will be noted, however, that the Generalissimo, despite his resignation of the Presidency of the Executive Yuan, retains his powers as Head of the State and Supreme Commander of the Chungking forces.

All indications point that Chiang Kai-shek's latest resignation was prompted by political considerations relating to the proposed constitutional reform of the Chungking Government.

Although Chiang Kai-shek's move outwardly appears to be a step toward the "democratization" of the Chungking Regime—something which has been demanded by both the United States and Yenan—the Generalissimo in reality seems to have cleverly extricated himself from various complications which would arise from such a trend and once again established himself as the real power outside the realm of political affairs.

## *Dr. Kung Resigns Due To "Failing Health"*

Lisbon, May 30 (Domei)—Dr. H. H. Kung has tendered his resignation as Vice-President of the Chungking Executive Yuan and the governorship of the Central Bank of China because of "failing health," according to a United Press dispatch from Washington today.

Sources close to Kung were quoted as saying that the influential Chungking leader would also retire from his position as Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's personal representative to the American President as well as his many other important posts in Chungking's industrial and financial fields.

## INDIA DEADLOCK NOW HITS CLIMAX; VICEROY WAVELL HURRIES BACK TO DELHI

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### Acute Famine Conditions Prevailing In North West Frontier Province

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The Indian political deadlock is reported to have become so critical that Lord Wavell, the British Viceroy of India, has decided to return to India from Britain immediately. This is revealed in a despatch from London received here yesterday. According to this despatch, Leopold Amery, Secretary of State for India, declared in the House of Commons on Wednesday that Lord Wavell intended to return to India at the end of this week.

When Conservative Member, Sir John Wardlaw Milne asked Amery whether he had any statement to make regarding his conversations with the Viceroy, Amery replied that it is not intended that a statement should be made until after his arrival in India.

British anxiety over the seriousness of the crisis confronting them in India is very clearly revealed in a letter from Florence Mason of Watford published in the London Daily Worker on Wednesday. Florence Mason wrote, "I do hope Lord Wavell clearly understands how anxious the British are over the situation in India. Words cannot describe our disgust at the callous disregard of our soldiers' lives by this suicidal policy and for God's sake clear Amery out of office".

Meanwhile, latest reports from India reveal that the British-created famine and epidemics which have followed in its wake continue to take a heavy toll of Indian lives all over the country. In many parts of the country the situation has become very critical as a result of the intensification of the inhuman British loot and plunder of India's foodstuffs and other resources.

According to a report from New Delhi, the food situation in the Northwest Frontier Province has become so critical that the Premier of the Province, Dr. Khan Sahib, has left Peshawar for a tour of the southern districts to study the situation.

## Ingenious Devices Of Nippon Bomb-Carrying Stratosphere Balloons

Lisbon, May 30 (Domei)—Nipponese bomb-carrying stratosphere balloons which are being sent out from Nippon in long-range attacks against the American mainland are cleverly designed with automatic ballast and bomb-dropping devices, Lyle F. Watts, Chief of the United States Forest Services, disclosed today, according to a Washington dispatch.

Filled with hydrogen, these balloons rise to heights of between 25,000 to 35,000 feet, where they reach air currents which constantly travel from West to East. Picked up by the air currents, these balloons travel between 120 to 125 miles an hour, taking from 80 to 120 hours to reach the American mainland, he revealed.

Each time they descend to 25,000 feet from the loss of gas, a barometric pressure switch automatically drops a sandbag, causing the balloon to rise again. Watts said. "If the Nipponese have figured right, the last sandbag is dropped only after this balloon reached this country," he declared.

A second automatic switch which controls the bomb then takes over, and when the balloon drops to 20,000 feet a bomb is released. Watts said that the balloon then goes up again, then down and another bomb is released and so on as it travels across the country.

When the last bomb is released, the balloon automatically is destroyed by a demolition charge, Watts disclosed.

## Nippon Air Attacks On Foe Ships Continuing; Losses Mounting Daily

A Nippon Base in the Okinawa Sector, May 31 (Domei)—The Nippon air force continued to pound enemy warcraft in Okinawa waters on Monday, May 28, despite adverse weather. Excellent results were reported. At least ten enemy surface craft are so far known to have fallen victim to our airmen's devasating attacks. During Monday morning, two enemy warcraft of unidentified categories were sunk instantaneously, while another was heavily damaged and probably sunk, with still another seriously crippled.

In the course of the follow up of this attack, carried out at dusk the same day, the airmen of our Special Attack Corps are known to have successfully carried out bodycrashing assaults against six enemy warcraft, including one cruiser or aircraft-carrier and also one destroyer.

Simultaneously, our air force carried out a series of effective night raids on enemy-held airfields on Main Okinawa Island, Iyajima and also Kerama Islands.

## Okinawa Battle Intensified In Southern Sector

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### *20,000 Enemy Casualties In Ill-Started Third General Offensive*

Okinawa Front, May 31 (Domei)—The enemy's attacks in the southern sector of Main Okinawa Island are gradually increasing in the direction of Nippon positions south of Shuri. The enemy has intensified artillery and naval gunfire against our positions at Yonabaru, south of Shuri, Ogusugu and the salient north of Iba, particularly the sector of Teruya, four kilometres south of Shuri, Tsukayama, and Zenra.

Ground fighting on May 28 focussed at Osato and Miyagusugu in the eastern salient, Ishimine and One in the central salient facing Shuri, and the western end of Naha in the western sector. Under cover of artillery fire Nippon garrison troops are carrying out everywhere daring storming assaults against the enemy in the face of torrential rain and mire.

Most sanguinary fighting in which every yard of ground is being hotly contested continues to rage on the entire front now extending over ten kilometres from Yonabaru and Kamiyonabaru on the coast of Nachigusugu Bay through north of Shuri to the outskirts of Naha. The battle in this sector remains without major change.

In his third general offensive the enemy increased pressure on our positions on the western coast of the island centering in the immediate neighbourhood of Shuri and Naha. Determined counter-attacks carried out by our garrison units however not only smashed the enemy offensive but cost him the major part of two divisions of his firstline combat forces in the course of a few days fighting. The enemy suffered nearly 20,000 casualties in this ill-started third offensive.

## *Over Million Br. Empire War Casualties Revealed*

Lisbon, May 30 (Domei)—Addressing the British House of Commons' meeting yesterday after its Whitsun recess, British Prime Minister Churchill announced, in reply to a question, that total casualties suffered by the armed forces of the British Commonwealth and Empire from September 3, 1939, to the end of February, 1945, were 1,128,315, of which dead totalled 307,201.

Churchill added that the German bombardment of Britain during this war resulted in 60,585 killed and 86,173 injured.

Slightly injured numbered over 150,000.

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## Tarakan Storm Parties Wreak Havoc On Foe

A Nippon Base in the South-West Pacific, May 31 (Domei)—Although there was no major change in the general battle situation on Tarakan Island fighting continues to rage with unabated fury. While no enemy raids were attempted Monday May 28 and the battlefront remained comparatively quiet, the following morning Tuesday May 29 enemy bombers appeared in conjunction with enemy surface craft which unleashed a fierce concentrated barrage of gunfire against our main positions. Quickly taking up the enemy's challenge Nippon defenders dispatched several groups of death-defying assault parties into enemy lines.

Infiltrating deep into enemy positions our storming parties killed or wounded more than 130 troops, besides capturing seven automatic rifles and blasting two bivouacs, three supply dumps and one light machinegun. Fierce Nippon attacks completely checkmated the enemy activities on this front.

In three night raids conducted on May 26, 28 and 29, Nippon bombers heavily pounded and blasted the enemy airfield, supply dumps and landing facilities on Tarakan Island. Taking advantage of the moonlit night our raiders attacked enemy positions, flying from several directions simultaneously.

## British Fleet Withdrawn From Okinawa Waters

Nippon Base in Okinawa Sector, May 26 (Delayed) (Domei)—The Okinawa waters have apparently proved too hot for the British fleet to loiter in. Those British warcraft, including aircraft-carriers, which had been operating in these waters have completely disappeared from the Okinawa sea area since a few days ago. They had been dispatched to the Okinawa theatre to replace those United States carriers and other war vessels which had successively fallen victims to the repeated attacks of our air force, especially the Special Attack Air Corps, famed for their devastating body-crashing assaults.

These British warcraft, however, had not been very active ever since their arrival on the scene of the hottest battle in the Pacific. Obviously fearful of the devastating attacks of our airmen, the British warcraft had not dared to approach Okinawa Island in actual combat duties, but had been mainly engaged in less dangerous missions of carrying supplies or escorting service vessels operating farther away from the Okinawa Islands.

When our air activities in the Okinawa waters grew in intensity recently, enlarging their range of operations, these British surface units apparently decided that even the sea areas outside the immediate neighbourhood of Main Okinawa Island have become too hot for them to stay any longer. Hence, their hasty retreat from these waters, leaving the United States warcraft and transports alone to bear the brunt of our airmen's devastating assaults.

## Liberator Bomber Downed Off Kuantan

Syonan, May 31 (Domei)—Grimly pursuing approximately three or four enemy B-24's which on Wednesday morning failed in their attempt to raid Syonan, being turned back by our fierce air interception, fighter pilot Sergeant Okubayashi about 1 o'clock the same afternoon caught up with the enemy heavy bombers over the sea off Kuantan, on the eastern coast of the Malai Peninsula, and definitely shot down one plane.

## British Govt. Intervenes In Levant Crisis

Lisbon, May 31 (Domei)—Close on the heels of reports that French troops have bombed and shelled Damascus, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden this afternoon announced in the House of Commons that General Sir Bernard Paget, British Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East, has been ordered directly to intervene in the Levant crisis to prevent further bloodshed, according to a London dispatch.

Eden said that British Prime Minister Winston Churchill has sent a message to General Charles de Gaulle, Head of the French Provisional Government, stating that he has ordered the intervention "in the interests of the security of the whole of the Middle East, which involves communications in the war against Nippon."

Churchill's message requested that French troops be ordered to cease firing and withdraw to their barracks in order to avoid collision between the French and British forces. Once order has been restored, discussions for the settlement of the Levant question could be started in London, Churchill said.

Reviewing the Levant crisis, the British Foreign Secretary said that "a very serious situation" had arisen in Syria with the outbreak of open clashes between the Syrians and French troops.

The British Minister in Damascus, Eden said, has reported that heavy fighting and shelling last night took place in the Syrian capital and two great fires were burning in the centre of the city.

The fighting has spread to other parts of Syria, including Jebel ed Druz, where French officers have been taken prisoner. In view of such circumstances, which threaten Britain's communications to the Far East, Eden said that Britain has taken strong measures to stop the fighting in Levant.

Meantime, Saad Allah el Jabri, former Syrian Premier and Speaker of the Syrian Parliament, who arrived in Beirut from Damascus yesterday, was reported as estimating that 300 persons have been killed in the fighting in Damascus and 100 more at Hama.

A Cairo message said that the Syrians have taken 500 French troops prisoner with the capture of Dera.

## Magnitude Of Algerian Arab Uprising Bared

Zurich, May 31 (Domei)—Revealing for the first time the seriousness and magnitude of the recent Arab uprising in Algeria, the "Stars and Stripes," American Servicemen's paper in Italy, today said it is unofficially reported that more than 10,000 Arab insurrectionists were killed or wounded as the result of ruthless French counter-measures between May 8 and 16, according to a Rome dispatch.

In a story datelined "Casablanca, May 28," the newspaper's correspondent said that 97 European administrators and wealthy residents, mostly French, were killed during the early stage of the Arab revolt.

Launching a ruthless retaliation against the Arabs, the French air force was reported to have smashed whole native villages in the rebellious areas south-west and souh-east of the Algerian mountain city of Constantine.

In a single day, French airmen flew as many as 300 sorties in medium and heavy bombers, assisted by fighters which followed up their raids with strafing attacks against the fleeing population.

No Anglo-American correspondent as yet has been permitted even to reach Constantine owing to stringent French censorship.

The "Stars and Stripes" correspondent said, however, that the Arab revolt appears to have arisen not only from severe food shortages but dissatisfaction over French colonial rule.

## *Italian Party Controversy Over Formation Of Govt.*

Zurich, May 31 (Domei)—A violent controversy has arisen between the Italian Communists and Socialists, on one hand, and the Liberals, on the other, in connection with the negotiations for the formation of a new Italian Government succeeding the Bonomi Ministry, according to a Rome dispatch.

The Left Wing elements were reported to be accusing the Liberals of deliberately creating the impression that anarchy reigns in Northern Italy, in order to cause the Anglo-American powers to prolong their military occupation and prevent the Leftists from carrying out sweeping social reforms.

The Liberals on the other hand, were said to allege that under the pretext of an anti-Fascist purge, the Leftist elements were carrying out arbitrary and violent acts against non-Fascists. The sudden widening of the rift between the Liberals and the Leftist parties recently was caused by a letter sent by the Liberals to other parties demanding an enquiry into the proceedings of the so-called Committee of National Liberation, which has sprung up everywhere in Northern Italy.

## *Syonan Tourists Beaten In Inter-State Soccer Match*

Penang, May 30 (Domei)—In one of the most thrilling games witnessed here, Penang scored a convincing 3-0 victory over Syonan in an inter-state soccer match played before a large crowd, including the Governor, on the Hoso Kyoku ground yesterday, after leading one-nil at the interval. Penang played very impressively, setting a fast pace right from the very start.

Penang's goals came from Boey Guan Wah in the first half and Murugasan and Thangam in the second session. The match was in aid of the Nippon Soldiers' Comfort Fund.

## *Russian Representative On Control Council Named*

Zurich, May 30 (Domei)—Marshal Gregory Zhukov, C.-in-C. of the Soviet occupation forces in Germany, has been appointed Russian representative on the Allied Control Council which will constitute the highest authority of Allied powers in Germany during the occupation, Reuters reported. Field-Marshal Bernard Montgomery and General Dwight Eisenhower are the Anglo-American representatives on the same Council.

## Soviets Occupy Danish Island In Baltic Area

Lisbon, May 30 (Domei)—Soviet forces beat the Anglo-American troops to the occupation of the strategic Danish Island of Bornholm in the Baltic, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden revealed in the House of Commons today when he was questioned by Miss Irene Ward, Conservative, whether the Russian occupation was carried out in harmony with Anglo-American plans, according to a London dispatch.

Although Eden prudently avoided any criticism of the Russian military move, he said that General Dwight Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of the Anglo-American forces in Europe, informed the Soviet High Command on May 8 of his intention to send a detachment to Bornholm to accept the surrender of the German garrison there.

The British Foreign Secretary said that the Soviet authorities, on receiving the notification, replied that Bornholm came within the province of Soviet military operations and swiftly landed troops on the island on the following day.

Eden answered vaguely as to whether the Soviet authorities had received Eisenhower's approval. "It was a question of who could go and who could actually reach the island first," he declared, indicating that the Anglo-Americans were beaten in the race with the Russians.

## *Clash Between Italians & Yugoslav Forces In Fiume*

Zurich, May 30 (Domei)—Unconfirmed dispatches from Trieste today reported that serious fighting has broken out between Italian partisans and members of Yugoslav Marshal Joseph Tito's forces in Fiume, as negotiations were said to be still continuing between the Anglo-American and Yugoslav governments for the settlement of the Trieste dispute.

Meantime, a Tass message indicated that Yugoslav forces are continuing to control Trieste and are assisting the local authorities in restoring the city to normal. No suggestion whatsoever was made of my Yugoslav intention to withdraw from the city.

## *People's Guidance Bureau To Be Established Shortly*

Taiping, May 31 (Domei)—In accordance with a decision arrived at at a meeting of Provincial General Affairs Department Chiefs of the Malai Military Administration on May 22, a new bureau to be known as the Local People's Guidance Bureau, will be established shortly in every state. It is understood that the new organ will aim at unification of public opinion, harmony among the various races in Malai and consolidation of the home front.

The General Affairs Department Chief of each Province will be directly responsible for the proper function of the Bureau and he will have three sections, Malai, Chinese and Indian, staffed with three section heads, 15 to 30 local staff members and several advisors. The Bureau will function mainly as a consultation office for all local peoples on various matters, including livelihood.

## *British Racial & Colour Discrimination Attacked*

Lisbon, May 30 (Domei)—British authorities in Eritrea were charged with exercising colour and racial discrimination in their relation with the native people by British Labourite Hynd in the House of Commons today, according to a London dispatch.

The Labour member said that notices forbidding the admission of Eritreans were posted outside certain restaurants, hotels and certain theatres and unjust discriminaion was shown to the native people applying for land and export permits.

He urged British War Secretary Sir James Grigg to take swift measures to rectify the deplorable situation.

## *British Govt. Refuses To Recognise Renner Regime*

Lisbon, May 30 (Domei)—Reiterating British opposition to the Soviet Union's policy vis-a-vis Austria, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden today emphatically stated in the House of Commons that Britain refuses to recognize the Russian-sponsored Austrian Provisional Government under Dr. Karl Renner, according to a London dispatch.

"Our attitude is that we cannot recognize this government until such a time as our part of the Allied Control Commission, which should be in Vienna, had full opportunity of seeing for itself," Eden said, indicating British suspicion over Soviet action inside Austria.


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